

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 928

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Robert Ewing Corlew, Jr.

WHEREAS, March 24, 2022, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Robert Ewing Corlew, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, born on March 24, 1922, in Charlotte, Robert Ewing Corlew, Jr., was the son of Robert E. Corlew, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a 1940 graduate of Charlotte High School, he attended Austin Peay State University and Vanderbilt University and completed his PhD at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at the height of World War II, Dr. Corlew joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and eventually attained the rank of corporal while serving as a bomber radioman in the European Theater of the War; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, he finished his education and became a teacher of history, serving first at Dickson High School and later at Bethel College, where he also served on the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Dr. Corlew began his lengthy tenure at Middle Tennessee State University, beginning as an instructor of social science and swiftly rising through the ranks to serve as the first chairman of the History Department, the Dean of Liberal Arts, and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, renowned in his field as a superlative scholar, he authored *A History of Dickson County, Tennessee* and *The Volunteer State* and co-authored *A Short History of Tennessee*, which remained in print for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, he served as the chairman of the Tennessee Historical Commission for a number of years, director of Commerce Union Bank, chairman of the Rutherford County

Bicentennial Commission, and chair of the committee to form the Rutherford County Center for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, an elder in the Presbyterian Church USA for more than fifty years, he served his church on a number of committees and as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corlew left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors, and it is fitting that we honor his memory on this occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Robert Ewing Corlew, Jr., as we reflect upon the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.